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Honorable Dick Durbin

Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary

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Honorable Chuck Grassley

Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary

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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley,

On behalf of the Federal Judges Association (FJA), the Federal Magistrate Judges Association (FMJA) and the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (NCBJ) we ask that you consider and pass S. 2340, the "Daniel Anderl Judicial Security and Privacy Act of 2021." The bill is named for the son of our colleague, U.S. District Judge Esther Salas, who was murdered at the judge's home by a disgruntled lawyer last summer. Her husband, Mark Anderl, was also shot and was critically injured. The target of this attack was the judge herself.

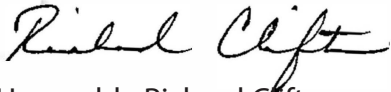
This is not the first such episode. In 2005 the mother and husband of U.S. District Judge Joan Lefkow were shot and killed during a similar attack of her home by an unhappy litigant. Since 1979, four federal judges have been murdered. Since the attack on the Salas family last summer, there have been more alarming incidents of threats to judges.

Judicial security is obviously important to the personal safety of judges, our families, and our court staff. More broadly, it is critical to our democracy and the rule of law. Judges must be allowed to do our work without fear of potentially fatal attacks.

This bipartisan bill is supported by the Judicial Conference of the United States and the Administrative Office of the United States Courts. We join them in advocating for its enactment.

Our organizations are independent, voluntary associations comprising the vast majority of federal judges. The FJA is made up of active, senior, and past circuit and district judges, the FMJA consists of active and retired magistrate judges, and the NCBJ is comprised of active and retired bankruptcy judges. We join together to ask for your prompt attention to this matter of the highest concern to our members and to the Third Branch.

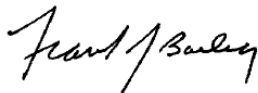
Respectfully submitted,



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